

The Chosen ---Study #6 LCR, Marion

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 New Revised Standard Version

17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,[a] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are



ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

• What surprises you about this episode? What do you find interesting? • What intrigues you? What questions do you have about the events portrayed in this episode?

1) This episode of the chosen wove together many of the teachings of Jesus with two miracles—but all of these scenes seemed to point to the ‘new creation’ the new thing that God was doing. This was perhaps epitomized in the conversation between Nicodemus and Shmuel...



Nicodemus: “And fear alone ensures we remain ignorant, asleep in the safety of rigid tradition. Take the Sadducees: they take the first five Books, the Law of Moses, as inspired Scripture. The rest they disregard. To them, God stopped speaking when Moses died. Think of all they have missed:

the Psalms of David, the stories of Ruth and Boaz, Esther and Mordecai! I don’t want to live in some bleak past where God cannot do anything new, do you?”

Shmuel: “Why is that your concern? God gave us His Law; we must uphold it!”

Nicodemus: “We can do both! Let’s ‘look to the ancient roads where the good way is and walk in it,’ as Jeremiah said, and still keep our eyes open to the startling and the unexpected. Can we agree on that?”

Shmuel: “Yes.”

What do you think about this conversation, can we be open to new things about God? Is scripture the only word about God and the only means of revelation?

2. Faith is a big part of this episode. For some that faith is searching. We see Nicodemus challenged in faith. We see Shmuel certain in what he knows. We see the developing faith of Matthew. For others, faith is bold. The Leper not only received compassion from Jesus, but expressed bold faith in seeking out and approaching Jesus. Tamar exercised bold faith in helping the Paralytic get to Jesus. Of all these different depictions of faith—with which one to you most identify? With which character do you most identify in this episode?



3. For me Matthew continues to be an appealing character. I especially liked the scene where the children show up again and are on the roof—inviting Matthew to join them. At the end, the children asked Matthew if he was lost and he said, “Yes.” What do you think he meant?

4. Why do you think The Chosen goes out of its way to show the humanity of Jesus—scrubbing his teeth, tending a wound, dancing, joking, etc... . Do you



think it’s harder to think of Jesus divinity or his humanity? Do you think the Chosen does a good job of balancing these two ‘natures’ of Christ?